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HONGKONG, June 25th, 1900.

It is with feelings of great satisfaction that
 everyone will hail Mr. Brodick's state-
 ment in the House of Commons that the
 troops already chosen for service in China
 will be very considerably supplemented.
 This tardy recognition of the dangers of the
 situation, though it will not excuse past
 inactivity and disregard of all facts, at least
 may be taken to indicate that the recent
 policy which has nearly wrecked our position
 in China has given place to a rational deter-
 mination to play a leading part as of old.
 Unfortunately weeks must elapse before the
 urgently needed reinforcements can arrive,
 and in the meantime there is a great task
 which calls for immediate treatment. Since
 the successful bombardment of the Taku
 Forts on Sunday, the 17th instant, which
 many hoped would be a prelude to a rapid
 advance of the allies on Peking, the
 situation has completely changed. So far
 from any such advance having been made,
 the vanguard under Admiral Seymour has
 not been heard of for more than a week,
 and though persistent rumours have been
 circulated that it has reached Peking there is
 no reliable information whatever to that
 effect. The reports which have reached this
 Colony are echoes of the Shanghai reports,
 which are not even accepted as authentic
 in Shanghai. Among the many stories
 afloat in our northern neighbour was one of
 a Chinese official telegram on the 19th inst.

to the effect that a couple of days before
 the British flag was visible over the *Ohen-
 yang* gate of Peking, from which it was in-
 ferred that either the Legations were hold-
 ing out still or the 1,700 mixed Foreign
 troops had arrived. But this brings us
 down no later than Sunday week.

Still more ominous, if possible, than the
 silence of Admiral Seymour is the news
 about Tientsin. This town was generally
 imagined secure in the hands of the com-
 bined forces landed from the fleets, to say
 nothing of the Russian and Japanese troops
 landed at Taku or on the point of arriving.
 But it turns out that this was quite a mis-
 take. Tientsin has been practically isolated
 it would seem, from Taku, for two days,
 probably Tuesday and Wednesday, or it may
 be Wednesday and Thursday; the Conces-
 sions, English, French, and German, have
 been subjected to an incessant bombardment
 by the forty-pounders of the Chinese reg-
 ular army, with such effect that they are
 reduced to ruins; and the Russian troops at
 the railway-station have been brought to
 desperate Straits. There is much in this
 story which we cannot understand as yet,
 and details will be most anxiously awaited.
 Two things are obvious, that the Chinese
 troops are now fighting heart and soul against
 the foreigners, and that their numbers have
 been under rather than over-estimated. To
 the Russians has fallen the principal part
 in the defence and relief of Tientsin and
 they are well equipped for the task. An
 eye-witness, speaking of the arrival of the
 Russians at Tientsin on the 14th instant,
 says that they "created the greatest stir."
 Their magnificent horses and big guns,
 "the wagons, and piles of hay and stores
 "took up all the big platform for the
 "greater part of the day. They took posses-
 "sion of the Bridge leading into the Settle-
 "ments and repaired and strengthened it
 "for the passage of their guns, and for the
 "time regulated traffic as if it had come
 "to take charge entirely." It is earnestly to
 be hoped that a loyal co-operation between
 the various component parts of the inter-
 national forces may continue and that we
 shall hear no more of friction between the
 different nationalities, such as has been hinted
 at by various writers; and, lastly, that our
 force on the scene of action may be brought
 as speedily as possible up to a footing
 worthy of the Empire they represent.

In the 24 hours preceding noon of Saturday
 there were reported in the colony six fresh cases
 of plague and four deaths.

On Saturday morning it was discovered that
 the officers' mess at Murray Barracks had been
 entered during the night and \$60 stolen from
 the safe, which had been opened by a false key.

A New York despatch, dated 17th June, an-
 nounces that Admiral Dewey has decided to
 withdraw from the Presidential contest and to
 renounce politics altogether.

The appointment of Lieut. A. H. Stewart, of
 the "C" Machine Gun Company, Hongkong
 Volunteers, to act as Adjutant of the Corps
 in the place of Captain Bland, absent on duty
 is notified in the *Gazette*.

The *Zafiro* arrived from Manila on Saturday
 with some 160 officers and men for the U.S.S.
Oregon and a few for the *Don Juan de Austria*,
 which is now at Canton. The *Oregon* left for
 the north on Saturday evening. The *Zafiro*
 returns to Manila on Thursday, and will then
 go up north with stores.

From the Return of the Acting Registrar of
 the Supreme Court it appears that the number
 of convictions in the Superior Courts for the
 years 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899 have been as
 follows:—For Offences against the Person, 15
 24, 19, 49; For Offences against Property, 10
 17, 13; For other Offences, 2, 3, 10. The
 number of acquittals have been:—In the Marine
 Magistrate's Court, 6, 3, 17, 2; In the Superior
 Courts, 32, 28, 15, 21.

Mr. Hazeland imposed another fine of \$100
 at the Magistracy on Saturday for a breach of
 the Post Office Ordinance. The offender was
 Han Hongfa, the tallyman of the *Michael*
Jensen. Sergeant Torret saw him on the
 Praya on Saturday morning in possession of a
 large basket, which he was taking towards a
 sampan. The Sergeant stopped him, and on
 examining the basket found that it contained
 letters addressed to Raiphong, whether the
Michael Jensen was going.

The *N.C. Daily News* calls attention to the
 fact that the Chinese vernacular paper *Hapoo*
 issued an Extra at 3 p.m. on Sunday last announc-
 ing the capture of the Taku Forts by the allied
 forces. "As the North Forts were only taken
 on Sunday," says our contemporary, "and there
 was only telegraphic communication from
 Shanghai as far as Chefoo, this was a remark-
 ably good piece of journalism, and tends,
 under circumstances, to the belief that the wires
 are not broken at all."

Mr. Erich Georg in his weekly share report
 says:—"The characteristic feature of our market
 during the week under review has been flat-
 staid and unprofitable. The disquieting news
 from Peking had an adverse influence on our
 market, and the tendency has been an almost
 general desire to sell, which has caused rates in
 many instances to drop, the market closing
 weak. However, as all Companies, more or less
 are doing well, no particular anxiety need be
 felt, and I am sure, that on better news arriving
 from Peking, the market will improve again."

To the Register of qualified Medical and
 Surgical Practitioners in the Colony the name
 of José Lozada has been added.

It is reported from Manila that Cavite has
 been transferred from military to naval control.
 The troops will be withdrawn. The military
 prison will remain, as also will the Civil Govern-
 ment within the territory transferred.

In order to be prepared for any disturbances
 on the part of the Chinese in the New Territory,
 three machine guns were sent over there yester-
 day and some 40 police, the latter being marines
 recently arrived from home.

It is reported from Shanghai that Messrs.
 W. Pritchard Morgan & Co. have received a
 telegram from their representative at Chengtu
 that he and his party are detained on account
 of news having reached there that a revolution
 has broken out in Szechuen.

The telegram last week which announced the
 degradation of Yu Lu, Viceroy of Chihli, also
 stated: "General Tung ordered military post
 roads." A fuller message received in Shang-
 hai gives this item thus:—"General Tung Fu-
 shiang of the Kansu corps has been cashiered
 to be sent to the military post roads as a con-
 vict for the murder of the Japanese Chancellor
 by his troops."

At the Harbour Office on Saturday morning,
 before Mr. Basil Taylor, Walter Harris, a sea-
 man on board the *Glenisla*, was charged with
 wilfully disobeying the lawful commands of the
 master. Captain Burn said the defendant went
 ashore without leave. On his return he told
 him he would have to forfeit two days' pay.
 He then refused to do any more work in the
 ship. The defendant was sentenced to 14 days
 hard labour, or until the ship sails.

It appears that the *C. N. S. Shengking* on
 her arrival at Weihaiwei on the 18th inst. was
 officially searched for concealed ammunition—a
 course taken as the result of information from
 Shanghai that she carried ammunition for
 Tientsin, to the amount of 100,000 rounds.
 Every facility was given by Messrs. Butterfield
 and Swire for this search. They were quite
 unaware that the *Shengking* carried anything
 of the sort. She left on the same day for
 Chefoo, where she might have to discharge. A
 marine guard was placed on board to accompany
 her to Chefoo.

A New York despatch to Manila, dated 16th
 June reports that Mr. Root, U.S. Secretary
 of War, has finally yielded on the question of of-
 fices' wives joining their husbands in the Phil-
 ippines. Some eight months ago the Secretary
 of War made a statement discouraging the
 officers' wives from going to the Philippines,
 saying that Manila was no place for women
 during war time, and obstructions were placed
 in their way by the refusal of transportation
 from America on the Government transports.
 Now, the war being practically over, facilities
 will be given for officers' wives to join their hus-
 bands.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be
 held to-day, Monday, 25th June, at 8.00 p.m.
BUSINESS.
 1. Financial Minutes. (Nos. 30, 31, 32 and
 33).
 2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No.
 10).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
 1. Second reading of the Bill entitled An
 Ordinance to further amend The Magistrates
 Ordinance, 1890. (No. 10 of 1890).
 2. Second reading of the Bill entitled An
 Ordinance to amend The Piers Ordinance,
 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
 Acting Clerk of Council.

KIEH-YANG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Kieh-yang, 14th June.

A MYSTERIOUS SOCIETY.
 In the Swatow region a new politico-religious
 society has lately sprung up. Its aims are the
 promotion of Buddhism and the subversion of
 Roman Catholicism. Doubtless Roman Catho-
 lics are singled out because they are more im-
 popular, not from any partiality for other forms of
 Christianity. The new sect is said already to num-
 ber seventy thousand adherents, with thousands
 joining daily. Presently we may have in these
 people the counterpart of the "Boxers" of the
 North.

A MAN-EATER.
 Twelve miles or so north of Kieh-yang lies
 a small district which has suffered for two
 years from the depredations of a tiger with a
 fatal preference for human victims. In that
 time some sixty persons have been attacked by
 him. Most escaped with wounds, but some have
 been killed and eaten. The victims are invari-
 ably bitten in the head. Several of those in-
 jured by the beast have been treated successfully
 in the English Presbyterian Hospital at Wa-
 king-fu. Unless some benevolent sportsman
 comes to the rescue and earns the gratitude of
 the villagers by slugging this animal he will
 continue to prey on human victims. If this
 appeals some humane hunter, who can and will
 make it his business to hunt down and kill this
 man-eater, he can obtain all necessary informa-
 tion by writing to Dr. Wm. Riddell, E.P. Mis-
 sion, Swatow.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Oden-
 burg* left Shanghai on Saturday, 23rd inst., and
 may be expected here on or about Wednesday,
 the 27th inst.
 The N. Y. K. steamer *Isada Maru* (Europe-
 an Line) left Shimomoseki for this port on the
 23rd instant, and is expected to arrive here on
 the 27th instant.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

London, 22nd June, 10.20 p.m.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS FOR CHINA.
 Mr. Brodick in the House of Commons,
 reporting the successful operations of the
 foreign troops at Tientsin (? Taku) on the
 17th instant, announced that the Govern-
 ment was supplementing very considerably
 the troops already ordered to China. No
 news had been received from Admiral
 Seymour.

Shanghai, 23rd June, 11.4 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE NORTH CHINA FIELD FORCE AND WEIHAWEI.

The War Office notifies the appointment
 of Colonel A. R. F. Dordard, R.E., D. S. O.,
 to be Brigadier General in command of the
 military forces at Taku. Weihaiwei will
 probably be the base of action. Commander
 Gaunt, R.N., resumes his command of the
 Naval Establishment, and Major C. E.
 Bruce takes charge of the Military.

THE DEFENCE OF WEIHAWEI— COUNTRY QUIET.

A defence scheme has been arranged for
 Weihaiwei. The country around is quiet.

Shanghai, 23rd June, 4.20 p.m.

BELIEVERS START FOR TIENTSIN.

A Russian force, with some British,
 Americans, and Germans, has left Taku to
 relieve Tientsin.

THE WAR.

London, 22nd June, 10.20 p.m.

HAMILTON AND BULLER JOIN FORCES.

Lord Roberts has despatched General
 Hamilton to Heidelberg where General
 Buller will join him.

BIG CAPTURE AT RUSTENBURG.

There has been a great surrender of rifles
 by the Boers at Rustenburg. Commandant
 Steyn and two field-cornets were captured.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 21st June.

THE WAR.

General Buller, writing from Sandpruit
 Station on the 20th instant, says that his head-
 quarters are two miles N.W. of the railway.

An informal armistice for five days has been
 concluded with Commandant Botha, at the
 expiration of which Lord Roberts will take
 vigorous action.

THE UNITED STATES.

The Republican Convention at Philadelphia
 has adopted a platform strongly approving of
 President McKinley's domestic and foreign
 policy and declaring a steadfast adherence to
 the gold standard.

London, 21st June.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Count Muraviev,
 Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

FURTHER REINFORCEMENT FOR THE CHINA SQUADRON.

H.M. Ships *Tait* and *Dido* have been ordered
 to China.

THE UNITED STATES.

The Republican Convention has unanimously
 nominated McKinley as President and Roose-
 velt Vice-President.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

TIENTSIN NEWS.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 14th inst. pub-
 lishes a letter from its Tientsin correspondent,
 dated the 12th June, but apparently written a
 little later in the day than what we have yet
 heard by letter from Tientsin. The correspon-
 dent says:—

"The Admiral wires us to-day that the advan-
 ced guard of marines, under Major Johnston of
 the *Centurion*, had its first brush with the
 enemy last night. The guard was carrying the
 work of the engineers, that is of the plat-
 formers, engineers, etc., who, under Mr. A. Currie,
 were repairing the line. The Boers made dis-
 positions as if they intended to cut off this
 party. There were no casualties at all on the
 foreign side, but the Admiral reports sixty
 of the rusties killed and six or seven wounded.
 The latter he at once forwarded to Tientsin.
 One died en route and another at the Station
 when he arrived."

"The above is the substance of Admiral Sey-
 mour's wire; but from other sources we hear that
 the Americans were also in the affair. The
 British marines seem to have driven the Boers
 on to the Americans, and then as they were be-
 tween two fires they went down like birds at a
 baton. There is no doubt of the courage of the

poor deluded fellows; they clearly showed their
 belief in their own invulnerability and their su-
 premacies and awful ignorance of modern weapons.
 Many of them too were mere boys. This has
 been a remarkable feature of all Boer aggrega-
 tions."

A leader, in a white silk robe with a red sash,
 is said to have demonstrated a good deal with a
 white flag in front of Capt. McCalla, U.S.S.
Neerach, until that gallant sailor gave him his
 quietus with a revolver shot. This is the story
 circulating in Tientsin; though I have not traced
 it to its source, it is probably true.

Curiously enough, we do not know the exact
 locality of this small affair, but we think it
 occurred on the latter side of Lungtung, say
 half-way between Tientsin and Peking.

The news from the capital is reassuring,
 though the situation is still very critical. For-
 eign Tientsin greatly feared that the news of
 the despatch of the 2,300 men would precipitate
 the dreaded crisis—viz. the meeting of the
 troops; but so far it has not done so. We hear
 that friends took farewell of each other, thinking
 the crisis was near.

The railway damage must have been more
 considerable than we believed it further up the
 line; it has taken the expedition two days to go
 half-way. We hoped it would reach the Capital
 in that time. It is very probable that when the
 Chinese at Fengtai heard of the departure of
 the troops, they at once began extensive demolish-
 ing work. Even the Boers could do this if they
 had the proper tools.

Much difficulty was found at this end in get-
 ting gangers and coolies to work, and to go
 with the foreign troops. No doubt pressure
 was put on them to refuse. The native drivers
 all struck work as regards driving the military
 trains.

The Admiral wires that as he finds some
 difficulty in getting food and water on route,
 no more men should be sent up now. The
 seventeen hundred Russians, with six (?) bat-
 teries and two hundred and fifty horse, that
 arrived on Monday from Port Arthur are not
 yet ashore. They are expected here tomorrow,
 and probably follow on to Peking as the com-
 munist force advances, and act as supports.

In Tientsin the situation is unchanged. We
 are still under the command of Capt. Bailey of
 H.M.S. *Aurora*; we have 600 armed men in all,
 including 100 English and German volunteers.
 We are under constant patrol with double
 pickets at night. An old Chinese beggar
 woman was wounded three nights ago, because
 she did not answer a sentry's challenge in the
 dark, and on Monday a fruit-seller was shot
 dead in trying to crawl between pickets over
 the mud wall.

THE CENTRAL CHINA.

The Hankow correspondent of the same
 journal writes on the 15th inst.:—"We have
 great faith in our Viceroy, Chang Chih-tung,
 who is not afraid, but he is in trouble too. The
 Governor and he are on bad terms and ten days
 ago the said Governor threatened to have him
 dismissed. Promptly following that came an
 urgent summons for the Viceroy to go to Peking.
 The Governor is the Emperor Dowager's man,
 and ever since he came here he has done nothing
 but dismiss officials and appoint others of his
 own way of thinking in their place. Were the
 Viceroy to leave, the Governor would come into
 full power, and after that the damage! How-
 ever, there is every reason to hope His Excel-
 lency will, as usual, find a good excuse for not
 obeying the Peking summons."

There is no special danger here at present,
 but if Her Majesty could only send guards to
 all the British settlements on the Yangtze we
 would feel a good deal more comfortable. Fur-
 thermore, it might obviate the necessity of our being
 dependent, later on, on the good services of
 some other Power, as appears to be the case at
 Peking. We deeply sympathise with our
 friends there, and in the regions beyond. In
 Central China we have had our experience of
 what it means to be left to the mercy of the
 mob. We are all anxiety for Northern China,
 and trust that the Foreign propaganda will
 be so dealt with this time as to be no more heard
 of in our little day.

THE NAVIGATION OF THE YANGTZE.

The Chungking correspondent of the *N. C.*
Daily News writes:—"H.M. gunboats *Woodcock*
 and *Woodlark* are now things of the past. It
 is very doubtful if we shall ever see them in
 Chungking again. With a speed of only 124
 knots, both commanders are of the opinion that
 they are not powerful enough for patrolling the
 Upper River in high water. Certainly, neither
 of them has negotiated the Upper River in
 high water, so it is hardly right to con-
 demn them on that score. The *Woodcock*
 came up exceedingly well without tracking at a
 single rapid, so that it is difficult to imagine
 she could not negotiate the river when it is 20
 or 30 feet higher, at which period there are no
 rapids so bad as at low water."

We do not feel we are any the better off now
 that it is demonstrated that gunboats can get
 here. The gunboats have returned and in the
 event of the foreign community needing their
 protection—we are glad to say there are no
 signs of such need at present—they could not
 get here under 10 days. If the Admiralty had
 no intention of stationing a boat here it seems
 a farce sending them up at all.
 That a gunboat ought to be stationed here
 there can be no doubt whatever. Foreigners
 have been too long at the tender mercies of the
 Chinese in these parts. The reward for assault
 and riot in Szechuan is as good, perhaps, as any-
 where in China; but with a gunboat able to go
 right up to the capital, Chengtu, I don't think
 we should hear further of any serious trouble."

The steamer *Pioneer* will be here in a few weeks.
 No trouble is anticipated for her at present, but
 when running regularly there is no knowing
 what trouble just owners may cause. It is well
 known that measures have been taken to intimi-
 date the present pilots of the gunboats and it is
 a remarkable fact that two pilots, both good
 men, who had charge of the *Leechen* and
 H.M.S. *Woodcock* have both mysteriously dis-
 appeared.

Certainly, if the *Pioneer* is a success and
 other steamers quickly follow, the typhoon
 trade is doomed. In view of all this, I say it
 is right we should expect to have a gunboat
 stationed here all the year round. Probably
 H.M.S. Government will be content to "deal
 with questions as they arise."
 Both the gunboats made exceedingly good
 trips to Luchow and Suifu from here. Suifu is
 250 miles higher up the river. The *Woodcock*
 did the trip in 4 days, spending one day at
 Luchow, and did the return journey in 17
 stunning hours. The *Woodcock* only went as
 far as Luchow, a distance of 152 miles, but she
 came back in remarkably quick time. Leaving
 Luchow at 5 a.m. she arrived in Chungking at
 5 p.m., stopping one hour on route. This per-
 formance quite took the natives aback. They
 are used to spending about three days on that
 trip at this time of year.

3,007 NEWSPAPERS RECOMMEND
 MACNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS.
 THE WATERLEY PEN, for Easy Writing.
 THE FLYING SCOTCHMAN PEN, for Quick Writing.
 THE FLYING J. writes 200 words per dip.
 THE WATERLEY WORKS, EDINBURGH.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAM- BER OF COMMERCE.

At the Monthly Meeting of the General Com-
 mittee of the Hongkong General Chamber of
 Commerce, held at 11 a.m. on the 21st June,
 there were present Hon. E. M. Gray (Chairman),
 Messrs. H. M. Davis, A. Haupt, A. M. Marshall,
 R. L. Richardson, C. S. Sharp, N. A. Stiles,
 Hon. J. Thurburn, ex officio, and R. C. Wilcox
 (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting,
 held 7th May, and of the Special Meeting held
 on the 18th June were read and confirmed.

THE COMMITTEE.

A letter had been received on the 16th June
 from the Hon. Herbert Smith resigning his
 seat on the Committee and also his appointment
 as member of the Legislative Council, vacant of
 "THE CHAMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
 COUNCIL."

In consequence of the receipt of a letter from
 the Acting Governor informing the Chamber
 that there was again a temporary vacancy on
 the Council, and inviting the Chamber to select
 a candidate to fill the same, a special general
 meeting of the members was summoned for the
 18th June, at which Mr. John Thurburn was
 nominated, defeating Mr. Francis, Q.C., by 52
 votes to 23.

Read letter from Acting Colonial Secretary,
 dated 19th June, acknowledging receipt of
 Chamber's letter of the 18th June informing
 the Governor of selection made, and stat-
 ing that His Excellency had been pleased to
 appoint Mr. Thurburn provisionally, and
 subject to Her Majesty's pleasure, to be an
 unofficial member of the Legislative Council,
 during the absence on leave of the Hon.
 T. B. Whitehead.

THE QUESTION OF CHINESE TARIFF REVISION.

The Chairman then informed the Committee that during his recent visit to Peking he had had the privilege of discussing various matters with the British Minister, chief of which was the question of the Revision of the Tariff. It appears that the proposal put forward on behalf of the Chinese Government was virtually to about quadruple the present tariff for duty and transit dues, on the understanding that no further charges whatever should be imposed. Imports, but, considering that the Tariff Treaty of 1858, Art. XXVIII, contains the words, "shall exempt the goods from all further inland charges whatever," and that this clause has been strictly observed hitherto, the question arises as to what possible guarantee the Chinese Government could give that would have any value at all? Sir Claude Macdonald had assured him (the Chairman) that not only would the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Shanghai be consulted before any action was taken, but also those of London, Manchester and Liverpool. In the meantime the tariff officials had been taken at Peking would certainly solve the matter for the time being.

The Committee thoroughly concerned in this opinion.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 23rd June.

THE REGISTRATION OF ARMS.

A scheme which aimed at preventing the sale of fire-arms to pirates was submitted to H. E. the Viceroy Li Hung-chang by Luo Bok-shun, director of the Commercial Bureau. The latter stated that he had been to Hongkong and Macao, and found that there were several ships kept by Chinese merchants for sale of arms and ammunition, that he had bought nearly all of them, and had sent them to Canton by four different shipments. The first shipment was on the 18th of the 3rd moon, 5,000 rifles; the second on the 20th of the 3rd moon, 5,000 cases of powder; the third on the 7th of the 4th moon, 800,000 bullets. All these were taken in tow by s.s. *Kiangtung* from Macao. The fourth shipment of 900 rifles, 400,000 bullets and 30 cases of large caps, was taken by the gun-boat *Kwang Kang* and *Kwang Lee*. The total cost was over 200,000 taels, and everything was examined and stored in the ammunition department. The scheme he proposed regarding the disposal of the arms and ammunition was as follows:—(1) All the arms are to be marked with European numbers, registered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and not to be sold clandestinely, but only with permission of the Viceroy. In case any military official requires a supply of arms he shall send a petition to the Bureau, who will submit the same to H. E. the Viceroy for approval, and as the arms pass the *tsai* or customs stations they shall be subject to examination. In case the gentry and elders of any village require a supply of arms for the use of their militia corps against the pirates, they shall apply in the same manner, and find security for their shipment. (2) If any person, whether he be of the gentry, a merchant, a scholar, or one of the common people, has any arms in his own house for his protection, a *weipin* shall be deposited to examine and mark them, and the Bureau shall pay all expenses, so that the citizen may not "squeeze." In case the latter should in any manner abuse his office, upon the presentation of a petition he shall either be dismissed or degraded. H. E. the Viceroy in approving of the above scheme remarks as follows:— "This scheme and the rules thereof are quite satisfactory; let them be strictly carried out. In case any person loses his marked arms let him make a report of the fact to the Bureau for investigation, and let the Provincial Governor take note of it also."

SECRET SOCIETIES AND BANDITRY.

Every province of China has its own local banditry. In the north there are "Boxers," in the south there are *Kolao Hui Poku*, "Big knife," "Small knife," "Three Dots," "Triad," and *Ching Hing* societies, as well as many others of various names but not so well known scattered nearly all over China and abroad. The most powerful on the highways of the Shantung province, who make their attack and robbery on horseback, next come the pirates of Kwangtung, the local bandits of Kwangsi, and Yunnan, the mountain bands of Chin Suk, the salt smugglers of Woyang, and "Peking," and the desperadoes of Wim Toi. Inferior classes of robbers and thieves are the "red headed" bandits of Tientsin, the vagrants of Shanghai, the scoundrels of Suchow and Chungking, the "green skins" of Nanking, the "cannibals" of Hongchow, and the pick-pockets of Ningpo. They belong to different districts and provinces under the control of their chiefs respectively. Some have joined the societies and become thieves by force of circumstances, some by fraud and persuasion, some have been compelled by force, some have even joined for protection against other bad characters, while many others join because they are naturally born thieves. They live by plunder, amagging, and fraud, by attacks upon weary travellers, by burglary, by kidnapping women and girls to exact ransoms, by setting fire to and attacking any village too weak to resist them, or by burning Christian churches and robbing the native Christians; and lastly when they have mustered sufficient numbers and are provided with sufficient arms and ammunition, they will make a rebellion and give some work to the officials to do. H. E. Li Hung-chang has invented a new machine for dealing with this class of ruffian. It is a wooden cage, five feet and a half high, with a hole in the top of it; the criminal is put into it, his hands being tied behind and his head protruding from the top hole, and he is then hung by the neck and by degrees strangled to death. On the 16th ult. six criminals were executed in this manner near the Hongkong and Canton steamer wharf—one for kidnapping the "con- cubine" of a doctor and the other five for robbery.

INFLAMMATORY PLACARDS.

A number of inflammatory placards have been posted up in the Western suburbs of Canton, of which the following is a specimen:—"Kill all the German, the French, the American, and the English. Drive all the foreigners away, and our hearts will rest at peace. Act with all your mind and strength, and the great event will be accomplished. It will take but a few days for us to raise our troops. When the red flag is waving aloft the world will enjoy universal peace."

Here is another:—"The four countries, Japan, America, Germany, and England have swallowed up the territory of the Ta-ching and subverted all our plans. Our hearts are not satisfied, but when the red flag is floating and when we have raised our well-disciplined troops and driven away the foreign devils the world shall enjoy universal peace."

In consequence of such threats, during the last few days mandarin guard-bats have been moored alongside Shamoen, ostensibly for its protection.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per German steamer *Sachsen*, sailed on the 4th June. For Naples—4 cases curios. For Genoa—449 bales raw silk, 370 bales cases, 200 boxes cases and 1 case curios. For Barcelona—100 boxes cases. For Trieste—127 3-chests tea, 100 boxes cases and 44 chests tea. For Genoa/Hamburg—89 bales cases. For New York—123 cases essential oil. For Antwerp—250 bales bamboo scraps, 150 rolls matting, 6 cases Chinaware, 3 cases cigars, and 1 case blackwoodware. For Antwerp/London/Hamburg—19 cases bristles. For Amsterdam—40 cases Chinaware. For Rotterdam—250 boxes cases. For London—30 cases bristles and 15 cases essential oil. For Bremen—250 boxes tea, 114 rolls matting, 32 chests, and 23 3-chests tea. For Baltimore—2 cases cigars and 1 case Chinaware. For Bremen/Hamburg—90 packages tea. For Hamburg—1,003 boxes, 1,056 packages, 211 3-chests and 95 chests tea, 70 bales feathers, 44 cases bristles, 20 cases essential oil, 16 cases blackwoodware, 14 rolls matting and 7 cases human hair. For Hamburg/Copenhagen—59 bales rattanware.

For steamer *Indus*, sailed on the 18th June. For Marseilles—260 bales raw silk, 6 bales waste silk, 23 cases silks, 6 cases woodvarnishes, 1 case curios, 904 packages tea, and 48 packages matting. For Lyons—493 bales raw silk. For London—40 bales raw silk, 2 bales waste silk and 60 rolls matting.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the eleventh ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, at 12.15 p.m., on Saturday, 7th July, 1900.

Gentlemen:—Your directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1900.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$51,216.36; after deducting directors' fees, \$8,000, there remains the sum of \$43,216.36 available for appropriation, and your directors recommend that this be disposed of in the following manner:—

To pay a dividend of 7 per cent per annum:—
Say 70 cents per share on 30,000 fully paid shares ... 821,000.00
Say 7 cents per share on 25,896 partly paid shares (6 months) ... 1,812.72
To write off plant account for depreciation ... 24,342.31
To carry forward to next account ... 1,049.41

Of the new issue of shares, 25,896 shares have been taken up, and your directors propose to deal with the remaining 4,104 shares as opportunity and requirements call for.

The Manager's report attached hereto gives usual particulars of work carried out, &c., during the year.

The directors deeply regret the death on 2nd April last of Mr. H. L. Dalrymple, who had been Chairman of the Company since its commencement. Mr. A. G. Wood resigned his seat on leaving the colony.

To fill these vacancies Messrs. J. Thurburn and C. S. Sharp were invited to join the Board, and these appointments require confirmation. In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. C. W. Dickson retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. G. Stewart and J. C. Peter, who offer themselves for re-election.

C. S. SHARP, Chairman.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 30TH APRIL, 1900.

LIABILITIES. \$ c.
30,000 shares each \$10 paid up \$300,000.00
25,896 shares each \$2 paid up 51,792.00
Sundry creditors 7,461.97
Dividends unclaimed 2,513.40
Balance of profit and loss account 51,216.36
\$412,983.73

ASSETS. \$ c.
Plant, cost, as per last account \$217,354.33
Less amount provided for depreciation 17,354.33
\$200,000.00
Cost of plant, since added 59,354.23
\$259,354.23

Property, cost of land and buildings 60,195.00
Installation material, stock of 32,480.43
Stores and coal, stock of 9,891.81
Tools, &c., on hand 1,516.00
Furniture, cost of, as per last account 100.00
Cost of furniture, since added 338.00
\$63,935.24
Insurance, value of unexpired portions of policies 500.00
Sundry debtors 31,232.76
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cash with 9,102.80
Cash with agents 8,022.63
\$112,993.73

WORKING ACCOUNT. \$ c.
To installation material 56,624.47
To salaries and wages 27,890.95
To coal 27,200.45
To stores 8,882.21
To repairs 4,289.89
To office expenses 4,000.00
To charges 3,032.23
To rent and taxes 2,500.53
To insurance 969.10
To auditors fees 200.00
To tools 148.59
To amount carried to profit and loss account 45,506.62
\$179,893.25

By gross earnings of the Company 178,753.24
By interest 508.51
By scrip and transfer fees 71.08
\$179,893.25

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

\$ c.
To amount available for appropriation 51,216.36
By amount of undivided profits, as per last account 2,627.00
By sale of forfeited shares 5,302.03
By balance of working account, brought down 43,300.62
\$51,216.36

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1900.
The Directors:—The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited.
Gentlemen:—I have to report that, on the 1st June, the lamps and fans connected to the Company's incandescent lighting system were equivalent to about 10,000 lamps of 8 candle-power.

Underground cables have been laid down extending the Company's service to Kennedy and Macdonnell Roads and the Queen's Gardens District.

The number of arc lamps now in operation is 84, 2 additional lamps having been erected in H. M. Naval Yard during the year.

The power supply service is at present operating 7 lifts on the Reclamation.

During the past year the incandescent lighting plant has been increased by laying down a new engine, alternator and boiler. These, however, were not delivered in time to operate during the heavier winter loads, and in consequence, the Company's available plant was severely taxed on many occasions.

The plant and machinery have been maintained in good working order.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. H. WICKHAM, Manager.

RUSSIA, JAPAN, AND COREA.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times telegraphed on the 23rd ult. to the following effect:—

Nothing becomes known in St. Petersburg, as a rule, of what has been done by Russian diplomatic representatives in the Far East unless it leaks out by the merest accident or the information comes from the telegrams of English newspaper correspondents in China and Japan. Russian diplomats in that region, which is still as remote in respect of news as if the Siberian Railway had never been constructed, seem to be allowed plenty of latitude and even initiative, and the Foreign Office on the Neva is not called upon to report progress to anybody except the supreme head of the State. Hence it is that the first tidings of the result of Russia's latest action in Korea reaches the Russian Press and public from the Peking telegram of *The Times*. *The Moscow Vremya* delivers a furious onslaught on *The Times* for its comments on the subject, which, it says, are intended to set Japan against Russia and make the Japanese believe that Russia threatens them with an irreparable injury. After quoting, with an air of astonishment mixed with irony, several passages from the article in *The Times*, the *Novoye Vremya* says Russia has never been a threat to any Power. It is in the East, in the centre of Mohammedanism and Buddhism, that she carries the torch of enlightenment and justice. Without such righteous desires as these which guide the action of England, Russia does not drain the life blood of her colonies and their neighboring territories, but, on the contrary, exhausts the strength of her own indigenous population in order to plant civilization and culture among other peoples. On a peaceful basis, Japan can scarcely give her hand to Russia, but if she wishes to follow the example of Great Britain Russia has no need of such a companion. We can only warn her against entering upon any serious dispute with Russia, an "emblem of the war in South Africa as a proof of the difficulties of a naval Power in any struggle with the land forces of a continent."

Apart from this abusive reply of the *Novoye Vremya*, I have taken some trouble to ascertain the opinions of the most competent persons on the subject of Russia's acquisition of land for a coaling station on the southern coast of Corea, and they may be summed up as follows:—The suspicion of Russian action in the Far East, justified by previous experience, has led to a certain amount of exaggeration in drawing conclusions from the facts as they are presented. Russia and Corea are not exclusively at present moment. Of the two agreements between the mainland opposite. This suits the policy of Japan for the present, for having every accommodation on her own adjacent coasts, she has no desire of possessing a coaling station or fleet anchorage at Port Arthur, which was made an open port at the instigation of the Japanese Government in June, 1898. Therefore, the fleets of all nations have the right to go there, and Russia could not exclude Japan from the enjoyment of this privilege if she had any reason to take advantage of it. The Russian acquisition of a coaling station within the three-mile limit outside the foreign settlement at Masampo is a transaction in which Russia has to settle details with the Korean proprietors. No protest what can be made against it, as the land is not outside the boundary, as originally proposed, within which every nation has the right of renting or purchasing property for peaceful purposes. Russia, therefore, cannot fortify the plot of land which she has obtained, and it is believed that she has made no arrangement whatever which would exclude Japan from claiming and enjoying the same rights and privileges.

I may mention that the *Novoye Vremya* declares that the arrangement between England and Russia in regard to Port Hamilton has become null and void in consequence of Russia's occupation of Port Arthur and England's occupation of Weihaiwei.

Commenting on this, in conjunction with Mr. Brodick's statement in the House on Common on the 24th ult. that the assurance given in 1886 by the Russian Government to abstain from occupying any territory in Corea was given not to this country, but to another Power, and that therefore, that is no question of a release being given by the British Government, the *Times* says:—"It is perfectly true that the engagement was entered into between the Russian Minister and the *Trung-Yi-Yamen*, but the Chinese official communicated to the British representative, Sir John Walham, the 'sincere promise' of Russia that 'if the British would evacuate Port Hamilton the Russian Government would not occupy Korean territory under any circumstances whatever.' An explicit guarantee to this effect was given when the Russians pressed the *Trung-Yi-Yamen* to induce the British to withdraw from Port Hamilton. The British Minister accepted the guarantee of China, backed by the Russian assurance, as sufficient, and Port Hamilton was, in consequence, evacuated. If it should now appear that the Russian engagement has been broken, it is true that there is no question of 'release' on our part, but we are none the less entitled

and bound to take note of the fact and to reserve our liberty of action. We do not intend to let Mr. Brodick's answer as amounting to more than this. A similar construction may, we believe, be placed on another reply which he gave a couple of days ago, merely reciting the facts of the recent Russian acquisition as reported to Her Majesty's Government and planning Russia to the minimizing explanation of them. The language of the Under-Secretary might perhaps have been clearer and more decided, but it would be premature to read into his words any acquiescence on the part of this country in serious modifications of the *status quo* in the Far East. From Mr. Brodick's statement and further information, it does not appear that, up to the present, treaty engagements have been flagrantly violated by Russia. The land acquired by her for a coaling depot and other purposes is stated to be within the three-mile limit of the foreign settlement of Masampo and, Mr. Brodick says, conveys no exclusive right to Russia. This is not quite reconcilable with the remark, in our Peking Correspondent's recent telegram, that the Russian-Corean agreement 'excludes Japan from acquiring similar advantages.'

The *London & China Express* quotes a correspondent, who professes to give with some authority the Russian view of the recent events in Corea, to the following effect:—

We have been told that Russia is violating her treaty engagements, breaking her pledged word in taking Korean territory, and menacing Japan and the world with war. All this is nonsense, as a simple statement of facts will suffice to show. In the first place, Russia has no treaty engagements with anybody on the subject of Corea. On April 14, 1886, Her Majesty's Government suggested that as an alternative to the Powers interested to enter into an international arrangement guaranteeing the integrity of Corea. This proposal was not accepted, and no international arrangement was entered into guaranteeing the integrity of Corea. The Government of Russia has entered into no understanding with the Government of Great Britain as to her freedom of action in Corea. It was thought desirable to secure a guarantee from China that if we left Port Hamilton it would not fall into the hands of Russia. The Chinese Government replied that the Russian Chargé d'Affaires at Peking had told the Grand Secretary Li that the Russian Government gave a sincere promise that if the British would evacuate Port Hamilton 'the Russian Government would not occupy Korean territory under any circumstances whatever.' Secretary Li asked that Russia should guarantee that she would not hereafter seize these islands after the retirement of British vessels of war, and on the faith of this guarantee, China would officially address the British Government and urge their speedy evacuation. In consequence of this, the Russian Chargé d'Affaires, Ladovsky, in obedience to instructions from the Russian Government, gave 'a most explicit guarantee' distinctly declaring that 'in the future Russia would not take Korean territory.' Thereupon the Chinese Government informed the Foreign Office that 'it is therefore naturally in a position, on the faith of the guarantee of the Russian Government, to give a guarantee to the British Government, namely that if the British would evacuate Port Hamilton, the Russian Government would not occupy Korean territory under any circumstances whatever.' The flag was hoisted down on Feb. 27, 1887. The order to occupy Port Hamilton had been issued on April 14, 1885.

Since the evacuation of Port Hamilton many things have happened. The situation in the Far East has been revolutionized. Corea has become an independent kingdom with which China has nothing to do. Russia is at Port Arthur and England at Weihaiwei. Russia has taken over Corea, neither has she taken any Korean territory, neither has she occupied any part in Corea. Russia's sincere promise not to occupy Korean territory and her most explicit guarantee not to take Korean territory have been kept both in the letter and in the spirit. How, then, does this present scare arise? Partly through misrepresentation and partly through a misunderstanding of the position. The agreement which has been concluded between Russia and the Korean Government, to which the Japanese Government makes no objection, is an arrangement by which Russia acquires a coaling station and right of anchorage for her ships in the Korean port of Masampo. Masampo is a treaty port, and the facilities which Russia has obtained by her contract with the Korean Government are neither more or less than the privileges which England and other Powers have obtained at other ports in China or Corea by agreement with the Chinese or Korean Government. There is no question of any occupation of Masampo. Occupation involves three things—first, the holding of the flag; secondly, the undertaking the responsibility of administration; and, thirdly, the right to fortify the occupied territory. Russia by her agreement has no right either to hoist the flag, to administer the territory or to erect any fortifications. She has simply and solely secured a right to own property and establish a coal depot in the port of Masampo, with a right to use the port as a place of call for her ships.

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Jardine, Matheson & Co., British str., 3,970, Prosch, June 17, 1900, at Noon.

Goodwin, British str., 2,832, Jackson, June 4, 1900, at Noon.

Guthrie, British str., 1,484, McArthur, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Hallong, British str., 783, Bathurst, June 19, 1900, at Noon.

Hailuo, French steamer, 507, Godin, June 22, 1900, at Noon.

A. B. Marty, Hongkong, French str., 862, Panier, June 24, 1900, at Noon.

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Jason, British steamer, 1,368, Lyett, June 24, 1900, at Noon.

Butterfield & Swire, British str., 1,024, Pennefather, June 22, 1900, at Noon.

Kou, Hong, British str., 862, Joslin, June 20, 1900, at Noon.

Longmoon, Ger. str., 1,245, Scholz, June 11, 1900, at Noon.

Siomson & Co., German str., 1,237, Lorenzen, June 22, 1900, at Noon.

Sander, Wiler & Co., German str., 1,339, Slesman, June 17, 1900, at Noon.

Meridian, British str., 2,248, Wilson, June 15, 1900, at Noon.

Dodwell & Co., Limited, British str., 710, Jensen, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Milos, German steamer, 1,694, Hills, June 10, 1900, at Noon.

Min, British steamer, 1,881, Gason, June 18, 1900, at Noon.

Dodwell & Co., Limited, British str., 1,252, Gucker, June 18, 1900, at Noon.

Sander, Wiler & Co., German str., 1,021, Calder, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Phanang, British str., 1,021, Calder, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Butterfield & Swire, British str., 1,021, Calder, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Ragmar, New str., 1,536, Sanderson, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

Sander, Wiler & Co., German str., 1,021, Calder, June 23, 1900, at Noon.

St. Quentin, British str., 2,170, Stabb, June 16, 1900, at Noon.

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Swiss, British str., 1,770, Galsworth, June 20, 1900, at Noon.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., British str., 1,021, Moore, June 15, 1900, at Noon.

Sungking, British str., 1,021, Moore, June 15, 1900, at Noon.

Butterfield & Swire, British str., 1,153, Hall, June 16, 1900, at Noon.

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Taisang, British str., 1,744, Wilde, June 24, 1900, at Noon.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., British str., 1,296, Sakamoto, June 24, 1900, at Noon.

Taiwan Maru, Jap. str., 2,226, Minamigawa, June 21, 1900, at Noon.

Yorihime Maru, Jap. str., 2,226, Minamigawa, June 21, 1900, at Noon.

SAILING VESSELS.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The City of Peking, with the American Mail, left Yokohama on Monday, the 18th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here to-day.
The Statyart, with the German Mail, left Berlin 23rd ultimo, left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst., at 3 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 27th instant.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Shanghai.	Meefoo	Monday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji.	Seichuen	Monday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Yokohama.	Arake Maru	Monday, 25th, 4.00 P.M.
Singapore.	Antenor	Monday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Pakhoi.	Hoihow	Tuesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji.	Suisang	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Suisang	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, and SAN FRANCISCO.	America Maru	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra postage 10 cents.)
Swatow Amoy and Taiwan.	Anging Maru	Monday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.	Empress of India	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra postage 10 cents.)
Manila and Iloilo.	Kaifong	Wednesday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
EUROPE, &c. India via Tuticorin.	Oldenburg	Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.	Futani Maru	Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.	Argyll	Saturday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c. India via TUTICORIN.	Laoe	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra postage 10 cents.)
(Late Letters 0.10 to 0.30 P.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma.	Chinglu	Tuesday, 3rd July, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.		Satur., 14 July, 3.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.
Sale of Crown Land, Office of the P.W.D., 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SATURDAY, 23rd June.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer.	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand.	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight.	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight.	1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight.	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight.	2/0 1/2
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand.	2.40 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight.	2.51
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand.	2.00 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand.	47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight.	48 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer.	146 1/2
Bank, on demand.	147 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer.	140 1/2
Bank, on demand.	147 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight.	71
Private, 30 days' sight.	72
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand.	34 p.c.m.
On demand.	21 p.c.m.
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand.	11 p.c.m.
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand.	117 1/2
ON HAIKONG.—	
On demand.	3 p.c.m.
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand.	21 p.c.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand.	60
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate.	10.10
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael.	52.70
BAB SILVER, per oz.	27 1/2

OPIUM.

Quotations are:—	Allow 10c net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New	8880 to 8920 per picul
Malwa Old	8910 to 8950
Malwa Older	8940 to 8980
P. P. wrapped	8870 to 8910
Persian fine quality	8910 to 8950
Persian extra fine	8920 to 8960
Extra New	8105 to 8145 per chest
Extra Old	8105 to 8145
Benares New	8105 to 8145
Benares Old	8105 to 8145

PASSENGERS.

Per *Lycanor*, from Shanghai, Messrs. Wittmann, Johnson and Wilson.
Per *Pharany*, from Bangkok, Messrs. C. Simpson, S. Kodera, Kung King Seng, J. Milne, Mrs. Chesebrough.
Per *Glenelg*, from Yokohama, &c., Capt. McNab.
Per *Yacata Maru*, from Australia for Hongkong, Messrs. R. E. Brown, J. Craig, F. P. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Phos. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall, Messrs. O. Proctor and S. D. Angus, Miss I. A. Owen, Capt. G. E. Ido, U.S.N., Mr. W. M. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jameson, Mr. S. Northwood, Miss H. Nagaye, Mr. K. Ide, for Yokohama, Messrs. J. Lynch, Domingo Garcia and Crispulo Zamora. Passengers passed through—Messrs. H. Garbner, W. R. Couston, Colonel G. E. Austin, Messrs. W. Y. Ho and Thos. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. Bowyer Smyth, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Lister, Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins, Mrs. Sato, Mr. P. Cowen and Mr. Isaacs.
DEPARTED.
Per *Clyde*, from Hongkong, for Singapore, Mr. A. L. Hassan, for Penang, Mr. G. A. Hall, for London, Mr. David Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Hetherly, Messrs. Hetherly, Dr. P. C. Coleman and J. O. Smith, from Shanghai, for London, Mr. A. McAlister, Miss Patterson, Miss Nelson, Messrs. W. Ferguson, J. S. Erskine and G. W. Duncan.
Per *Valeria*, for Shanghai, from Hongkong, Mrs. Percy Scott, Messrs. J. Cochran, Hamlyn and T. C. Stafford, from Manilla, Messrs. J. Lawler, Gough and Geryowski, from London, Messrs. W. Howell and R. C. Atore.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 23rd June.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Issue Paid.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30-div. & 10-bonus at 1/11 1/2 = \$23.54 for end half year '99
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,876	24	24	21
Do. Deferred.	1200	24	24	25.5a.
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,970 A	410	28	2/8 for 1899
Do. Founders' Shares.	29,950 B	410	28	2/8 for 1899
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	30 p.c. = \$18 for 1899
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$83.33	10 p.c. for year end 30 + 90 = \$55, buyers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Yangtze Ins. Assocn., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Canton Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$200	\$200	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
FIRE INSURANCES.				
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$250	\$250	\$27 for 1898
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$9 for 1898
SHIPPING.				
Hongkong, Canton and Amoy S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.20 for half year ended 31-12-99
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
China & Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	20 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 p.c. = \$12 for 1899
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Do. Ordinary.	20,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Star Ferry Co., Limited.	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited.	18,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited.	20,000	\$100	\$100	Final of \$5 = \$7 for '00 taken out of Equal Fund
Luzon Sugar Refg. Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$9 for 1897
Mining.				
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$8	\$8	None
Do. Preference.	30,000	\$8	\$8	None
Societe Fin. des Char. de la Chine	10,000	\$2.50	\$2.50	None
Queens Mining, Ltd.	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	None
Gold Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	\$5	\$5	5 p.c. = \$2.25 for 1899
Rauk Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited.	200,000	\$1	\$1	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Limited.	15,000	\$5	\$5	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Great Eastern and Cal. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	140,000	\$4	\$4	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Do. Preference.	70,000	\$4	\$4	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.				
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited.	12,500	\$125	\$125	30 p.c. = \$37.50 for 1899
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Queens Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	2,500	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$100	\$100	22 p.c. = \$13.20 for 1899
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	Final of \$31 = \$10 for 1899
Kowloon Land & B. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co.	65,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	\$100	\$100	31 p.c. = \$5.37 for 1899
International Cotton Mill Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$100	\$100	3 p.c. = \$3 for 1899
Loan Kung-nan Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Yahlong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
China Portland Cement Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	15 p.c. = \$9 for 1899
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	\$25	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$100	\$100	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$75	\$75	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Central Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$25	\$25	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Hk. & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	100	\$50	\$50	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Bell's Asbestos & Agcy., Ltd.	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$5	\$5	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899
Watkins, Limited	1,000	\$10	\$10	10 p.c. = \$10 for 1899

J. Y. V. VERNON, Broker.

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 23rd JUNE, P.M.

STATION.	Hour.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	2 p.	29.70	63	88	W	4	f
Tokyo	"	29.90	63	88	W	4	f
Kobe	"	29.91	63	88	W	4	f
Nagasaki	"	29.91	63	88	W	4	f
Kagoshima	"	29.91	63	88	W	4	f
Taihu	1 p.	29.97	63	88	W	4	f
Taiwan	"	29.95	63	88	W	4	f
Tainan	"	29.95	63	88	W	4	f
Kashan	"	29.95	63	88	W	4	f
Fuzhou	"	29.95	63	88	W	4	f
Guzhou	3 p.	29.81	63	88	W	4	f
Sharp Peak	"	29.85	63	88	W	4	f
Amoy	"	29.80	64	88	W	4	f
Swatow	"	29.80	64	88	W	4	f
Canton	"	29.81	63	88	W	4	f
Victoria Peak	4 p.	29.81	63	88	W	4	f
Gap Rock	"	29.78	64	88	W	4	f
Macao	"	29.78	64	88	W	4	f
Hai Phong	1 p.	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
Manila	4 p.	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
Batavia	3 p.	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
Bacolod	"	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
Iloilo	"	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
Cebu	"	29.82	63	88	W	4	f
C. S. James	"	29.82	63	88	W	4	f

On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen in the North, then in Formosa and on the S. coast of China. Pressure remains high in the Pacific to the S. of the Philippines, and a depression is moving Eastwards over the NE. coast of China. Gradients slight for SE. and S. winds in S. China and for N. coast of the Philippines. Forecast: Moderate SE. winds; fair.

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Barometer.	Thermometer.	On date.	On date.
29.78	63	29.83	63
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Highest open air temperature on the 23rd.

Lowest open air temperature on the 23rd.

Hongkong Observatory, 23rd June.

Barometer 9 a.m. 29.83 Therm. 9 a.m. (Wet bulb) 78

Barometer 1 p.m. 29.80 Therm. 1 p.m. (Wet bulb) 80

Barometer 4 p.m. 29.80 Therm. 4 p.m. (Wet bulb) 78

Thermom. 8 a.m. 80 Therm. Maximum 83

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